

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1 1. (Currently amended) A method for facilitating a purchase of a memory
2 upgrade for a computer system, comprising:
3 obtaining memory configuration information for the computer system;
4 determining a plurality of memory upgrade options based upon the
5 memory configuration information;
6 allowing a user of the computer system to explore the plurality of memory
7 upgrade options and select a memory upgrade option;
8 presenting an option to purchase the memory upgrade option to the user of
9 the computer system; and
10 if the user indicates that the user would like to purchase the memory
11 upgrade option, automatically initiating a purchase transaction for the memory
12 upgrade option;
13 wherein automatically initiating the purchase transaction involves
14 automatically initiating the purchase transaction through a website that facilitates
15 purchasing the memory upgrade option by automatically navigating to a web page
16 within the web site that deals with purchasing memory modules; and
17 wherein the memory configuration information is automatically sent to the
18 website by the computer system without intervention by the user so that the user
19 does not have to reenter the memory configuration information.

1 2 (Canceled).

1 3. (Previously presented) The method of claim 1, further comprising
2 automatically transferring at least part of the memory configuration information to
3 the web site so that the user does not have to reenter details of the memory
4 configuration information into the web site.

1 4. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein obtaining the memory
2 configuration information involves reading serial presence detect information
3 from a non-volatile storage device within a memory module in the computer
4 system.

1 5. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein determining the memory
2 upgrade option involves:
3 identifying a plurality of memory upgrade options that will work in the
4 computer system based upon the memory configuration information; and
5 allowing the user to select the memory upgrade option from the plurality
6 of memory upgrade options.

1 6. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein obtaining the memory
2 configuration information involves obtaining at least one of:
3 an amount of memory installed in the computer system;
4 a maximum amount of memory that can be installed in the computer
5 system;
6 a number of memory module sockets that are available to accept memory
7 modules in the computer system; and
8 an operating speed for memory in the computer system.

1 7. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein prior to obtaining the
2 memory configuration information, the method further comprises receiving a
3 command from the user to initiate a memory upgrade for the computer system.

1 8. (Currently amended) A computer-readable storage medium storing
2 instructions that when executed by a computer cause the computer to perform a
3 method for facilitating a purchase of a memory upgrade for a computer system,
4 the method comprising:
5 obtaining memory configuration information for the computer system;
6 determining a plurality of memory upgrade options based upon the
7 memory configuration information;
8 allowing a user of the computer system to explore the plurality of memory
9 upgrade options and select a memory upgrade option;
10 presenting an option to purchase the memory upgrade option to the user of
11 the computer system; and
12 if the user indicates that the user would like to purchase the memory
13 upgrade option, automatically initiating a purchase transaction for the memory
14 upgrade option;
15 wherein automatically initiating the purchase transaction involves
16 automatically initiating the purchase transaction through a website that facilitates
17 purchasing the memory upgrade option by automatically navigating to a web page
18 within the web site that deals with purchasing memory modules; and
19 wherein the memory configuration information is automatically sent to the
20 website by the computer system without intervention by the user so that the user
21 does not have to reenter the memory configuration information.

1 9 (Canceled).

1 10. (Previously presented) The computer-readable storage medium of
2 claim 8, wherein the method further comprises automatically transferring at least
3 part of the memory configuration information to the web site so that the user does
4 not have to reenter details of the memory configuration information into the web
5 site.

1 11. (Original) The computer-readable storage medium of claim 8, wherein
2 obtaining the memory configuration information involves reading serial presence
3 detect information from a non-volatile storage device within a memory module in
4 the computer system.

1 12. (Original) The computer-readable storage medium of claim 8, wherein
2 determining the memory upgrade option involves:
3 identifying a plurality of memory upgrade options that will work in the
4 computer system based upon the memory configuration information; and
5 allowing the user to select the memory upgrade option from the plurality
6 of memory upgrade options.

1 13. (Original) The computer-readable storage medium of claim 8, wherein
2 obtaining the memory configuration information involves obtaining at least one
3 of:
4 an amount of memory installed in the computer system;
5 a maximum amount of memory that can be installed in the computer
6 system;
7 a number of memory module sockets that are available to accept memory
8 modules in the computer system; and
9 an operating speed for memory in the computer system.

1 14. (Original) The computer-readable storage medium of claim 8, wherein
2 prior to obtaining the memory configuration information, the method further
3 comprises receiving a command from the user to initiate a memory upgrade for
4 the computer system.

1 15. (Currently amended) An apparatus that facilitates a purchase of a
2 memory upgrade for a computer system, comprising:
3 a configuration lookup mechanism that is configured to obtain memory
4 configuration information for the computer system;
5 a determining mechanism that is configured to determine a plurality of
6 memory upgrade options based upon the memory configuration information;
7 an exploring mechanism configured to allow a user to explore the plurality
8 of memory upgrade ~~options~~ options and select a memory upgrade option; and
9 a purchasing mechanism that is configured to present an option to
10 purchase the memory upgrade option to the user of the computer system;
11 wherein if the user indicates that the user would like to purchase the
12 memory upgrade option, the purchasing mechanism is configured to automatically
13 initiating a purchase transaction for the memory upgrade option;
14 wherein the purchasing mechanism is configured to automatically initiate
15 the purchase transaction through a website that facilitates purchasing the memory
16 upgrade option by automatically navigating to a web page within the web site that
17 deals with purchasing memory modules; and
18 wherein the memory configuration information is automatically sent to the
19 website by the computer system without intervention by the user so that the user
20 does not have to reenter the memory configuration information.

1 16 (Canceled).

1 17. (Previously presented) The apparatus of claim 15, wherein the
2 purchasing mechanism is configured to automatically transfer at least part of the
3 memory configuration information to the web site so that the user does not have to
4 reenter details of the memory configuration information into the web site.

1 18. (Original) The apparatus of claim 15, wherein the configuration lookup
2 mechanism is configured to read serial presence detect information from a non-
3 volatile storage device within a memory module in the computer system.

1 19. (Original) The apparatus of claim 15, wherein the determining
2 mechanism is configured to:
3 identify a plurality of memory upgrade options that will work in the
4 computer system based upon the memory configuration information; and to
5 allow the user to select the memory upgrade option from the plurality of
6 memory upgrade options.

1 20. (Original) The apparatus of claim 15, wherein the configuration lookup
2 mechanism is configured to obtain at least one of:
3 an amount of memory installed in the computer system;
4 a maximum amount of memory that can be installed in the computer
5 system;
6 a number of memory module sockets that are available to accept memory
7 modules in the computer system; and
8 an operating speed for memory in the computer system.

1 21. (Original) The apparatus of claim 15, wherein the apparatus is
2 configured to operate upon receiving a command from the user to initiate a
3 memory upgrade for the computer system.